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Minerals found in the Province.

* 162 *Q*.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) what minerals are found and where they are found in the Province;

(*b*) the uses to which they are put; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to start industries to use them up in our Province instead of allowing them to be exported?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 160.

" (*b*) Generally speaking, for the manufacture of derivatives which have commercial uses.

" (*c*) The Government have no intention at present of exploiting minerals other than iron ore and lignite. Other minerals ought to be exploited by private enterprise. But the whole matter will take shape only after receipt of the final recommendation of the Industrial Planning Committee."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether efforts are being made to prospect lignite and iron ores? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir."

Proposals to bring the Rayalaseema districts under the jurisdiction of the Andhra University.

* 163 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government constituted a Committee to consider the question of bringing the Rayalaseema districts under the jurisdiction of the Andhra University;

(*b*) if so, what the constitution and the terms of reference to the Committee are;

(*c*) whether the Committee was appointed on representations received or of the Government's own accord;

(*d*) whether the Government are aware if the Committee invited views of the public, especially of Rayalaseema and if so who the persons and bodies invited to submit their representations were;

(*e*) whether the report submitted is unanimous or whether any minute of dissent has been appended; and, if so, whether the minute of dissent has also been published;

(*f*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the introductory paragraph to the report inserted by the Director of Information and Publicity;

(*g*) whether the ideas given in the introductory paragraph indicate the viewpoints of the Government; and

(*h*) whether the Government propose to receive representations on the report; and, if so, whether such representations should be sent before the 13th October or 23rd October—exactly one month from the date on which the report was actually published?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The constitution and terms of reference to the Committee are as follows :—

Constitution.

(1) Dr. C. R. Reddi, Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University (*Chairman*).

(2) Sri T. Viswanathan, M.L.A., Secretary and Convener of the Committee.

(3) ,, L. Subba Rao.

(4) ,, N. Ranga Reddi, M.L.A.

(5) ,, Kalluri Subba Rao, M.L.A.

(6) ,, Gopala Reddi, Hon. Minister for Finance.

(7) ,, T. Subramanyam.

(8) Mr. S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur.

(9) Sri B. Anantachar, M.L.A., Hospet.

(10) ,, M. S. Nagappa, M.L.A., Kurnool.

(11) Mr. Raza Khan Sahib Bahadur, M.L.A., Chittoor.

Terms of reference.

The Committee was formed for the purpose of considering the question of bringing the Rayalaseema districts within the jurisdiction of the Andhra University.

" (*c*) The Committee was appointed on receipt of representations in this regard.

" (*d*) The Government have no information.

" (*e*) The minute of dissent received has been published.

" (*f*) The introductory paragraph was ordered to be published by the Government.

" (*g*) It is not clear to which idea in the introduction the hon. Member refers.

" (*h*) Till the 20th of November, i.e., one month from the date on which the press release containing the minute of dissent was published."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know from whom representations were received asking the Government to consider the question of the reaffiliation of the Rayalaseema districts to the Andhra University? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
" From certain Members of the Legislative Assembly."

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Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, when the Government have received the report, why is it they say that they have no information regarding the activities of the Committee, namely, whether they invited representations and views or not? Are not the Government in possession of that information when they have received the report? "

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " The point is that they have not made any summaries of any representations received."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Did the Government ask this committee whether they received representations or whether they invited representatives or witnesses to appear before the committee? "

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " It was open to the committee to take all the measures it thought fit to take opinion in this matter."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I take it, Sir, that this committee has arrived at decisions without taking evidence of any kind and receiving representations? "

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " It is for that very purpose that it has been published and time has been given."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" With reference to the answer to (*f*) the Hon. Minister said that the introductory paragraph was put in by the Government. Is the Hon. Minister aware that it conveys a decision or a prediliction in favour of a certain course of action? "

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " Before answering the question, I would like to make it clear that the committee consisted of 11 members of which more than half are from the Ceded districts. As such they are expected to act only on the opinion received in this matter. (Interruption.) I stand corrected, Sir, not Ceded districts but Rayalaseema. About the introduction the Government are not aware of any prediliction. They only made clear as to what are their opinions over the report."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know whether the legislators of the Bellary district are not against the inclusion of Bellary in the Andhra University? "

The Hon. Sri T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :— " The Government have not analysed the opinions received. When it is done the opinion may be as stated. The Government have not gone into the matter."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, whether the Government were justified in expressing their views in the introductory paragraph when the whole report and the acceptance of the recommendations of the report was conditional? "

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THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—
"No, Sir. I do not think the Government have expressed any view on the matter."

Water-supply in the Salem municipal area.

* 164 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any, and, if so, what schemes are pending for the improvement of the water-supply in Salem Municipal area; and

(*b*) how soon the schemes are expected to be carried out?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Only one scheme called the Salem (Mettur) Water-supply Scheme is in progress now. The following items of works are still pending :—

(i) Installation of a pumping plant at the Mettur Reservoir.

(ii) Construction of a service reservoir at Ammapet.

Besides this, a scheme for remodelling the water-supply distribution system and improving the present scheme is pending.

" (*b*) Items (i) and (ii) mentioned above are expected to be completed in about two years. The delay is due to the difficulty in obtaining the necessary pumping plant, which has to be obtained from abroad. As regards the scheme for the remodelling of the distribution system and improvements to the present scheme the financial aspect of the problem is under examination in consultation with the municipal council. It is now too early to say when this scheme can be completed."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" Will the Government be pleased to give a high priority for these schemes in view of the fact that sometimes as many as one hundred persons wait at a single tap in Salem?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The firm which has undertaken to supply the plant had said that it would take twelve months' time to deliver the plant due to difficult conditions prevailing in England and six months' time to erect it and set it in working order."

Breaking out of cholera in Madura and Trichinopoly.

* 165 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether cholera has recently broken out as an epidemic in Madura and Trichinopoly;

(*b*) the number of deaths due to cholera in the Province, since 31st August 1947 (weekwar);

(*c*) whether cholera is a preventable disease;

(*d*) whether the Government have taken any, and what, steps to eradicate the disease out of the Province;